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SUBJ: REACTION ATLANTIC DECLARATION

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USNATO FOR HAMILTON,USIA FOR IOP/M

1. AKTUEL (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC) COMMENTS QUOTE DECLARATION IS REPORTEDLY AIMED AT ENDING SEVERAL YEARS OF BITTERNESS IN NATO, BUT COUP-LIKE MANOEUVRE BY WHICH JOSEPH LUNS, AT AMERICAN ORDERS, HAS CALLED WESTERN HEADS OF GOVT TO HIS HEADQUARTERS TODAY DOES NOT AUGUR WELL. DOUBTS FROM EUROPEAN SIDE ARE GREAT, REGARDING BOTH MEANINGLESS CEREMONY IN BRUSSELS AND COMING TALKS BETWEEN NIXON AND BREZHNEV. A SALE IN MOSCOW OF WHAT EEC COUNTRIES CONSIDER THEIR ESSENTIAL POLITICAL INTERESTS WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS LACK OF AMERICAN RESPECT FOR ALLIES.

2. TIME HAS COME FOR AMERICANS TO TREAT EUROPEANS AS EQUALS, NOT AS PIECES IN GLOBAL AND INTERNAL POLITICAL GAME. IF (POLICY) RENEWAL IS NOT STARTED NOW, DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER ALLIANCE RELATIONS ON EUROPE-ONLY BASIS MAY BECOME CONSEQUENCE.

THIS IS NOT VERY DESIRABLE IN SHORT RUN, BUT IT WILL BE INEVITABLE IF SMALLER COUNTRIES- BOTH IN EAST AND WEST EUROPE-MUST CONTINUE

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TO YIELD TO ARROGANCE OF BIG POWERS UNQUOTE.

3. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) CARRIES MAJOR BACKGROUND QUOTE MANY WILL CONSIDER MEETING GITANTIC PR SHOW FOR PRESIDENT NIXON---. BUT IRRESPECIVE OF NIXON'S PERSON, IT IS NOT WITHOUT IMPORTANCE THAT U.S.PRESIDENT MEETS WITH HIS EUROPEAN ALLIES PRIOR TO HIS MEETING SOVIET LEADERS. IT MAY WELL BE INTERPRETED AS SOMETHING ELSE THAN POORLY CAMOUFLAGED PR GIMMICK, NAMELY AS FULFILLMENT OF OTTAWA DECLARATION'S OBLIGATION OF MUTUAL CONSULTATION IN QUESTIONS OF COMMON INTEREST. NEITHER IN QUESTIONS ABOUT MUTUAL DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS NOR ON CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION CAN EUROPE ACCEPT THAT U.S. IS DEALING WITH SOVIET UNION OVER HEAD OF EUROPE. UNQUOTE.

4. POLITIKEN (RADICAL INDEPENDENT) ALSO CARRIES BACKGROUND. ARTICLE CONCLUDES QUOTE (COMING) GENEVA CONFERENCE MAY BE UNDERMINED BY U.S. PRESIDENT WHO WOULD RATHER DISREGARD LIBERATION IN EUROPE THAN HIS OWN FATE AS PRESIDENT. NIXON WILL TODAY REASSURE U.S. ALLIES, EVEN STRONGER THAN KISSINGER DID IN OTTAWA. BUT THEY CAN NO MORE BELIEVE HIM THAN THEIR COLLEAGUES IN THE U.S. CONGRESS UNQUOTE.
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